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CALENDAR OF ECONOMIC EVENTS*
February-April 1975

CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE

Date	Event
February	
Continuing	<i>US-Panamanian negotiations for a new canal treaty</i>
Early	Andean Pact Members (Lima)
Early	Economic Planning Minister Nam of South Korea to visit Washington
3	President of the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce, Odon Kallos, visits the United States
3	Cuban trade mission to Japan
3-4	EC Foreign Affairs Ministers (Brussels)
3-8	Non-Aligned Conference on Raw Materials (Dakar)
5-7	<i>International Energy Agency Governing Board</i> (Paris)
9-28	Prime Minister Rowling of New Zealand visits European capitals
10	International Wheat Council and Food Aid Committee (London)
10-11	<i>EC Agricultural Ministers</i> (London)
10-11	EC Agricultural Council (Brussels)
11	<i>GATT Trade Negotiations Committee</i> (Geneva)
11-16	US Textile Delegation visits Bucharest
12-15	First meeting of Economic Experts Working Group under the US-USSR Agreement for Exchange of Economic Information (Moscow)

* See page 5 for a functional and geographic breakdown and statement of US policy interest. Events in bold face in the chronological sequence are considered to be of special interest. This quarterly calendar is updated and issued on a monthly basis.

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Date	Event/US Policy Interest
February (Continued)	
14-17	<i>UK Prime Minister Harold Wilson visits Moscow</i>
Mid-month	Inter-American ECOSOC Meeting (Washington)
16-19	US Textile Delegation visits Warsaw
17	EC Finance Ministers (Brussels)
17-28	Third meeting of the International Coffee Organization (London)
18-19	ECE Steel Committee (Geneva)
20	Executive Committee of the US-Soviet Trade Council (Washington)
Between 21 Feb and 8 Mar	<i>Summit Conference of OPEC Chiefs of State</i>
22-24	Governors of Central Banks of members of Arab Council of Economic Unity (Baghdad)
24-28	US-Mexico Bilateral Textile Consultations (Washington)
25-28	Second meeting of US-Poland PL-480 negotiations (Washington)
27-28	First meeting of Producers of Minor Metals (including antimony, tungsten, and bismuth) (La Paz)
Date not set	UNCTAD Committee on Commodities (Geneva)
Date not set	Shah of Iran visits Pakistan
Date not set	Yugoslav President Tito to West Africa
Date not set	Pakistan Prime Minister Bhutto visits Romania
Date not set	First meeting under US-USSR Agreement on Housing and Other Construction (Washington) (tentative)
Date not set	Consultative Group on Peru (Paris)
Date not set	Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago visits China
Date not set	Bulgarian trade mission visits Uruguay

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Date	Event
March	
1-31	Mexico holds first trade exhibition in Cuba
Early	Three-man Australian delegation visits US Export-Import Bank
3-4	US-Iran Joint Commission (Washington)
3-13	<i>Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada visits Bonn, Rome, The Hague, and London</i>
4-5	OECD Trade Committee (Paris)
10-11	<i>EC Summit Meeting (Dublin)</i>
Mid-month	Canadian Trade Minister Gillespie leads business delegation to Cuba
Mid-month	Fourth meeting of the International Coffee Organization (London)
Mid-month	Paris Club Meeting on Chilean foreign debt (Paris)
17-25	FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Program (Rome)
18	EC Finance Ministers Meeting (Brussels)
20	French President Giscard D'Estaing visits Algeria (tentative)
24-26	Development Assistance Committee (Paris)
26-30	Hungarian Foreign Minister visits Egypt
Date not set	French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac visits USSR
April	
4-12	US-Soviet Commercial Commission (Moscow) (tentative)
16	<i>OAS General Assembly Meeting (Washington)</i>
17 Apr-10 May	<i>Law of the Sea Conference (Geneva)</i>
21-22	<i>EC Agriculture Ministers (Luxembourg)</i>
21-24	OPEC Petroleum Workers Congress (Caracas)
22-24	Inter-governmental Group on Indonesia (The Hague)

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Date	Event
April (Continued)	
28-29	IBRD-ADB-sponsored Consultative Meeting on Post-war Aid to Laos (Manila)
Late Apr- early May	Prime Minister Rowling of New Zealand visits Washington and attends Commonwealth heads of government meeting
Date not set	<i>Negotiation of US-Philippine Treaty of Amity and Commerce</i> (Manila) (tentative)
Date not set	Meeting of Latin American and Caribbean Sugar Producers (Santo Domingo)
Date not set	Venezuelan President Perez visits Algeria
Date not set	Mixed Cuban-French Economic Commission (Havana)

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ECONOMIC EVENTS, BY AREA OF INTEREST

Date

Event/US Policy Interest

INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AND COMMODITY SITUATION

February

3-8 Non-Aligned Conference on Raw Materials (Dakar). *Will discuss price policies, stockpiling, production quotas, and other means to improve their negotiating position with importing countries.*

5-7 International Energy Agency Governing Board (Paris). *Will focus on implementation of the International Energy Agreement.*

10 International Wheat Council and Food Aid Committee (London). *To take final action on extension of the Food Aid Agreement.*

17-28 Third meeting of the International Coffee Organization (London). *To discuss a new international coffee agreement.*

Between 21 Feb and 8 Mar Summit Conference of OPEC Chiefs of State. *To discuss OPEC positions on a producer/consumer conference, oil prices, and petrodollar recycling.*

27-28 First meeting of Producers of Minor Metals (including antimony, tungsten, and bismuth) (La Paz). *Will propose price policies and outline the formation of a Minor Metals Council.*

Date not set UNCTAD Committee on Commodities (Geneva). *To consider a report on the world phosphate situation.*

March

Mid-month Fourth meeting of the International Coffee Organization (London). *To continue discussions on a new international coffee agreement.*

17-25 FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Program (Rome). *To review implementation of programs decided upon at World Food Conference.*

April

21-24 OPEC Petroleum Workers Congress (Caracas). *To discuss petroleum pricing, workers' rights, working conditions, and labor-management relationships.*

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OTHER INTERREGIONAL CONFERENCES

February

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GATT Trade Negotiations Committee (Geneva). *This first TNC meeting since the United States received its negotiating mandate will discuss substantive and procedural issues prior to the negotiations.*

March

4-5

OECD Trade Committee (Paris). *Commodity trade issues and export control measures will be main agenda items.*

24-26

Development Assistance Committee (Paris). *Will focus on role of foreign private capital flows in developing countries.*

April

17-10 May

Law of the Sea Conference (Geneva). *Discussions will resume on international law regarding the world's waterways.*

WESTERN EUROPE

February

3-4

EC Foreign Affairs Ministers (Brussels). *Agenda includes EC relations with Arab states.*

10-11

EC Agricultural Council (Brussels). *Will attempt to reach decision on 1975 farm support prices.*

10-11

EC Agricultural Ministers (London). *Current grain reserves will be discussed.*

14-17

UK Prime Minister Harold Wilson visits Moscow. *Discussions will include defense budgets and possible reductions in defense spending.*

17

EC Finance Ministers (Brussels). *Will focus on recycling programs.*

18-19

ECE Steel Committee (Geneva). *Will discuss conditions in the international steel market.*

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Date	Event/US Policy Interest
March	
10-11	EC Summit Meeting (Dublin). <i>Topics to include energy policies and recycling.</i>
18	EC Finance Ministers Meeting (Brussels). <i>To center on resolutions made during EC summit.</i>
Date not set	French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac visits USSR. <i>Discussions will include the Middle East situation.</i>
April	
21-22	EC Agriculture Ministers (Luxembourg). <i>Will consider Community agricultural problems.</i>

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

February	
Continuing	US-Panamanian negotiations for a New Canal Treaty. <i>Will attempt to replace existing treaty between the United States and Panama.</i>
Early	Andean Pact Members (Lima). <i>Will be concerned with limitations on military expenditures.</i>
3	Cuban trade mission visits Japan. <i>To discuss Japanese cooperation in Cuba's first five-year economic plan.</i>
Mid-month	Inter-American ECOSOC Meeting (Washington). <i>US Trade Reform Act will be a main topic.</i>
24-28	US-Mexico Bilateral Textile Consultations (Washington). <i>To negotiate a new all-fiber textile agreement.</i>
Date not set	Consultative Group on Peru (Paris). <i>To present a list of Peruvian projects to potential creditors for possible financing.</i>
Date not set	Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago visits China. <i>To promote increased trade.</i>
Date not set	Bulgarian trade mission visits Uruguay. <i>To discuss possible joint fishing ventures and increased trade.</i>

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Date	Event/US Policy Interest
March	
1-31	Mexico holds first trade exhibition in Cuba. <i>Hopes to boost trade above current \$8 million level.</i>
Mid-month	Paris Club meeting on Chilean foreign debt (Paris). <i>To consider rescheduling Chilean debt.</i>
Mid-month	Canadian Trade Minister Gillespie leads business delegation to Cuba. <i>To explore trade opportunities.</i>
April	
16	OAS General Assembly meeting opens (Washington). <i>Ecuador and Venezuela will introduce discussion of the US Trade Reform Act.</i>
Date not set	Venezuelan President Perez visits Algeria. <i>To discuss oil price and resource control policies.</i>
Date not set	Meeting of Latin American and Caribbean Sugar Producers (Santo Domingo). <i>To exchange information on production, development, and marketing.</i>
Date not set	Mixed Cuban-French Economic Commission (Havana). <i>To discuss increased credits and future economic cooperation.</i>

NON-COMMUNIST ASIA AND PACIFIC

February	
Early	Economic Planning Minister Nam of South Korea to visit Washington. <i>To promote US food aid, bilateral trade, and assistance from international lending institutions.</i>
9-28	Prime Minister Rowling of New Zealand visits European capitals. <i>Probably will discuss full range of political and economic topics and seek to remove EC ban on beef imports.</i>
March	
Early	Three-man Australian delegation visits US Export-Import Bank. <i>To discuss level of Ex-Im lending in Australia and operation of Canberra's new export credit agency.</i>
3-13	Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada visits Bonn, Rome, The Hague, and London. <i>To continue discussions in Paris last fall on commercial relations with EC and individual West European countries.</i>

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Date	Event/US Policy Interest
April	
22-24	Inter-governmental Group on Indonesia (The Hague). <i>To discuss Indonesia's economic situation.</i>
28-29	IBRD-ADB-sponsored Consultative Meeting on Post-war Aid to Laos (Manila). <i>Will discuss multinational economic aid to the Laotian coalition government which could be a significant supplement to US aid program in Laos.</i>
Late Apr-early May	Prime Minister Rowling of New Zealand to visit Washington and attend Commonwealth heads of government meeting. <i>Economic topics are likely to be the focus of both meetings.</i>
Date not set	Negotiation of US-Philippine Treaty of Amity and Commerce (Manila) (tentative). <i>To succeed Laurel-Langley Agreement, which governed US-Philippine economic relations since 1955 and expired on 3 July 1974.</i>

MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA

February	
22-24	Governors of Central Banks of members of Arab Council of Economic Unity (Baghdad). <i>To discuss establishment of an Arab Monetary Fund on the model of the IMF and the voting rights of Arab countries at the IMF and IBRD.</i>
Date not set	Yugoslav President Tito visits West Africa. <i>Economic aid and cooperation are likely subjects.</i>
Date not set	Pakistan Prime Minister Bhutto visits Romania. <i>To discuss assistance Romania is providing for Karachi refinery.</i>
Date not set	Shah of Iran visits Pakistan. <i>Economic aid a likely subject.</i>
March	
3-4	US-Iran Joint Commission (Washington). <i>Possible increased sales for the United States through participation in development and military projects.</i>
20	French President Giscard D'Estaing visits Algeria (tentative). <i>Will probably sign agreements covering immigration and common economic problems.</i>
26-30	Hungarian Foreign Minister visits Egypt. <i>Will discuss unallocated Hungarian aid and increased trade.</i>

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Event/US Policy Interest

USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE

February

- 3 President of the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce, Odon Kallos, visits the United States. *To sign a joint Chamber of Commerce agreement.*
- 11-16 US Textile Delegation visits Bucharest. *To discuss bilateral textile agreements.*
- 12-15 First meeting of Economic Experts Working Group under the US-USSR Agreement for Exchange of Economic Information (Moscow). *Will negotiate types of information to be exchanged.*
- 16-19 US Textile Delegation in Warsaw. *For discussions on bilateral textile and cotton agreements.*
- 20 Executive Committee of the US-Soviet Trade Council (Washington). *USSR Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade Alkhimov will attend the meeting of this non-governmental group.*
- 25-28 Second meeting of US-Poland PL-480 negotiations (Washington). *Will center on Poland's PL-480 debt deferral proposal.*
- Date not set First meeting under US-USSR Agreement on Housing and Other Construction (Washington) (tentative). *Will set up program to implement agreement.*

April

- 4-12 US-Soviet Commercial Commission (Moscow) (tentative). *Agenda not set but will include current issues in US-Soviet trade.*